



## Ellen Potter Murphy

May 18, 1924 - March 8, 2015

Ellen Marie Potter Murphy, 90, a resident of River North of Bradley, passed away peacefully on Sunday (March 8, 2015) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, with her family at her side.

She was born May 18, 1924, in Kankakee, the daughter of George O. and Esther (Hess) Potter. On July 11, 1942, she married Rex A. Murphy. He preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 2010.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and David Pinnow, of Kankakee; one daughter-in-law, Jolene Murphy, of Bourbonnais; three grandchildren, Patrick (Rhea) Murphy, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Kim (Kim) Larsen, of Bourbonnais, Rex Murphy III, of Bourbonnais; three great-grandchildren, Claire Murphy, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lacie Haggard, of Bradley, and Tricia (Dustin) Kooy, of Bradley. Also surviving are her brother and sister-in-law, George and Jane Potter, of Coupeville, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband; she was preceded in death by her son, Rex. Jr.; and her sister, Ardis Palmer, of Florida.

For most of her life, Ellen was a homemaker and seamstress. She loved to travel with her husband in their motor home and they visited almost all 50

states. She especially loved animals and spending time with her family.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. There will be no services. She will be inurned with her husband in All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to River North of Bradley's activity department, Kankakee County Humane Foundation or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

JY

“ Bonnie and Dave, Having been away since December, we just learned of your mother's passing. Ellen was a sweetie. We remember when the kids were little and watched Abby while your folks were gone. She was always so nice to them to show her appreciation. When I found myself too busy to get Bob or the kids alterations done, she always came to the rescue. What a good seamstress Ellen was ! Our sympathy goes out to you both.  
Bob and Judy Younger

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**Judy Younger** - March 13, 2015 at 10:07 AM

JB

“ Bonnie and Dave, We are thinking of you and sharing in your grief over the loss of an amazing person. She was a special aunt and great aunt. Ella, Chris and Charlie, as well as Eric and I, looked forward to each Kankakee visit, when we were always sure to stop by to see her. She never ceased to amaze us in her remembrance of the kids, even as they grew each time she saw them! Many fond memories of my 46 years of knowing her fill my heart with gratitude for calling her my aunt. She will be missed and fondly remembered, and you are in our thoughts!

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**Jennie Brooks** - March 11, 2015 at 07:32 AM

RF

“ Bonnie & Family

So sorry to hear about your Mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. You have our deepest sympathy. God be with you.  
Ralph/Nat Ferrari

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**Ralph/Nat Ferrari** - March 10, 2015 at 09:51 PM

MM

“ Just want to say Thank You Ellen for being such a wonderful, caring neighbor to us!! All the sewing you did for my husband, kids & myself was just phenomenal.. I remember also the beautiful Irish setter dog you had & the other fluffy white dog also (after the Irish setter passed on) Just Beautiful dogs.. Thank you for being very good to us all, Always enjoyed our visits!! May God give you much peace, rest & happiness you so very much deserve!! 🥰🙏🙏

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**Mary McGrath** - March 10, 2015 at 04:59 PM

JP

“ To George's best big sister and my best sister-in-law: Thanks so much for the sweet memories you have given us, the help you've always been willing to share, and the fun you've given to Cathie, Brian, Jennie & Meg. We all miss you already and hope you and Rex are living the good life together again!

XOXOX

Jane & George

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**Jane & George Potter** - March 10, 2015 at 12:17 PM